

### REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. The specification has been amended to reference co-pending U.S. patent applications nos. 09/949,451 and 10/079,606 which contain related subject matter. If the Examiner is unable to access the file histories of these applications or otherwise desires applicants to provide any part of or all of the file histories from these applications, applicant will be happy to do so.

An information disclosure statement is also being submitted with the Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

Consideration of these submissions is respectfully requested. Applicants believe this application is in condition for allowance, and request a notice of allowance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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